

1 First, the governor can temporarily transfer his powers to
2 the lieutenant governor by notifying him in writing that
3 he will be temporarily unable to carry out the duties of
4 the office. For example, this technique might be used
5 when the governor was about to be hospitalized for an
6 operation. Second, the lieutenant governor is directed to
7 serve as acting governor when the governor is dis-
8 abled and thereby unable to communicate his inability to
9 carry out the duties of office to the lieutenant governor.
10 For example, this would occur if the governor were in a
11 coma.

12 In either situation the lieutenant governor con-
13 tinues to serve as acting governor until the governor noti-
14 fies him in writing that he is able to carry out his duties
15 or until the office becomes vacant. Vacancy can occur in
16 several ways. For example, a vacancy would occur if the
17 governor died, resigned, was convicted on impeachment, or
18 was removed from office pursuant to the terms of section
19 4.08 of this article.

20 It should be noted that this section does not
21 automatically transfer the powers of the office of governor